

JULY 12TH OPENING OF PARADE
SEASON IN NORTHERN IRELAND
AND CALL FOR PEACE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, July 12th marked what is commonly known as "parade season" in Northern Ireland.

It also marks the beginning of what is historically a tense and even violent time for the region.

In preparation for this time, Northern Ireland's First and Deputy First Ministers, Peter Robinson and Martin McGuinness, called for calm during this summer period and urged citizens not to take steps backwards and further stall progress towards peace.

The July 12th parades mark the 1690 victory of Protestant King William of Orange over Catholic King James at the Battle of the Boyne. The annual parades by Protestants often precipitate Catholic protests.

Before the "Good Friday Accords" or Belfast peace agreement, in 1998, Northern Ireland suffered a three decade period of intense fighting and violence known as the "Troubles".

Unfortunately, this past week harkened back to that time, with rioting throughout the region, police officers and citizens injured, and outbursts occurring almost every day with attacks to churches, vehicles, and homes.

I am confident that no one in Northern Ireland truly wants to go back to a time of consistent violence and unrest.

It is at this critical time that we are reminded of the need for constructive political discourse and peaceful debate about the issues that are of greatest concern to the people of Northern Ireland.

The Good Friday Accords need to serve as guidelines at all times, especially the most contentious times, as to how peace and compromise should rule the day.

Going back on the progress made since the accords and with the recent elections in Northern Ireland would be a mistake, and I believe that those in Northern Ireland and the Irish Diaspora around the world would agree.

Northern Ireland leaders are urging their residents to pick up the call for peace and work towards compromise during the parade season.

Mr. Robinson asked that "everyone [take] a step back and think of the consequences before doing something which you will later regret."

He continued, "We must not allow the progress that has been made to be thwarted by those who want to drag us back to the past. We are determined to build a better and brighter future for all in Northern Ireland."

I echo the leaders' call and implore Irish American citizens and all Irish people in the world to show their support for peace during this parade season, the summer, and throughout the year.

CICALI VANNOY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cicali Vannoy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Cicali Vannoy is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Cicali Vannoy is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Cicali Vannoy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

**TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CONGRESS-
MAN CHARLES W. WHALEN, JR.**

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I had the sad honor of advising this House of the passing of my constituent and former Member of the House, the Honorable Charles W. Whalen, Jr. Unfortunately, the date of Congressman Whalen's death was printed incorrectly. The correct date is June 27, 2011.

I urge my colleagues to read the tribute that was printed in yesterday's CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, which included the obituaries from The Washington Post and The New York Times, to learn about this extraordinary American's life and the significant impact that he had on our country.

DAISY ESQUIVEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Daisy Esquivel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Daisy Esquivel is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daisy Esquivel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Daisy Esquivel for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, due to previously scheduled official commitments in my district, I was unavoidably detained and not present in the House chamber on Monday, July 18 to vote on rollcalls 601 and 602.

I would have voted "yea" on both rollcalls had I been present.

**HONORING CLYDE THOMAS
PFISTERER**

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clyde Thomas Pfisterer on behalf of the people of Indiana as the former Secretary of State and now as the U.S. Representative for the 4th Congressional District. Clyde Pfisterer remains known as a loving husband, father, and grandfather and in that context, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to his family for their loss.

To Indiana, Clyde's leadership was a shining example of the type of leadership everyone should strive to achieve. Marked by common sense and a commitment to public service, his leadership embodied the qualities emblazoned in the Hoosier spirit. Clyde's focus on service above self; exemplified in his long service as a firefighter, arson investigator, and as a trainer and teacher to countless firefighters around the world, has left us all a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

As a man of faith, I believe we were put on this earth to love one another and to make the best of the gifts our Lord has provided. We are all blessed to live in a country that allows us to experience freedom and the opportunity to chart our own path. When I look at the life story of a man who served his community as a firefighter, served countless friends and neighbors in the community, and provided life saving instruction to his peers, all I can say is Amen. Well done.

Clyde Pfisterer exemplified the American dream in every way. The amazing narrative of his life will live on, not only through those whose lives he touched throughout our community, but through his family. I want to thank his family for sharing him with a community that will not soon forget him.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during the rollcall vote numbers 601 and 602, on July 18, 2011.